



HIV/AIDS

AND

AFRICAN-AMERICANS

- Through December 2001, 816,149 AIDS cases had been reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Black individuals accounted for:

38 percent of total AIDS cases

58 percent of total AIDS cases among **women**

59 percent of total AIDS cases among **children**¹

- In June 2001, **49 percent** of reported AIDS cases were among Black adults and adolescents.¹
- In 1998, men of color represented **52 percent** of AIDS cases among men who had sex with men. By comparison, in 1989 men of color represented only **31 percent** of AIDS cases in men who had sex with men.²
- Of the estimated 40,000 new HIV infections each year, more than **50 percent** occur among African-Americans.
- In areas with confidential HIV reporting, African-Americans comprised nearly **51 percent** of persons diagnosed with HIV (but who had not developed AIDS) through 2001.¹
- In past years, it has been estimated that 1 in 50 African-American men and 1 in 160 African-American women were infected with HIV.
- African-American children (under the age of 13) represented almost two-thirds (**65 percent**) of all pediatric HIV cases reported in the United States in 2001.
- For non-Hispanic Black persons 25–44 years of age, HIV/AIDS was the **leading** cause of death in 2000. HIV/AIDS was the third leading cause of death for Black men and the third leading cause of death for Black women in this age group.³

For more information on HIV/AIDS and African-Americans, contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at 1-800-458-5231 or on the Internet at www.cdcnpin.org.



The terms “African-American” and “Black” are used interchangeably to include those individuals who self-identify as either.

¹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report*, 2001; Vol. 13 (No. 2).

² Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *HIV/AIDS Among Racial/Ethnic Minority Men Who Have Sex with Men—United States, 1989-1998*, *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, January 14, 2000/49(01); 4-11.

³ Unpublished final mortality data for 2000 from the National Center for Health Statistics.